

The Flivver Flash

The Official Newsletter of the Space City T's - Houston, TX

1915 Runabout Pickup

by Bobby Wright

Some time ago I purchased a 1924 Runabout, which I have since sold. When I purchased the '24, it came with a new, unassembled, wood pickup bed. All the metal parts were powder coated black, and the wood was unfinished. The wood is very hard and appears to be oak. For several years, I have been moving the bundles around from one spot to another in the shop and garage. All the wood was bundled in that clear packing wrap, and over time, the wrap became loose, and the bundle became harder to move.

Then one day, the wrap split, and I had a pile of lumber to deal with. So I figured..... what the heck, I will just build the bed and then figure out what I

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should do with it. Commonly, you see these beds on the back of a Runabout with the turtle back removed, or on a Touring with the back seat cut off and the bed bolted in place. The wood finish varies, and often you see the wood left natural or finished natural, and you also see painted colors.



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I decided to go with black stain and no clear coat. So, it is sort of a satin finish.

After building, I considered making it into a Model T trailer, but I figured that's one more thing to store or sell. Being unsure what I would do, I stood it on end on a dolly and stored it in the '15 Touring garage.



Along comes the Covid virus. I am stuck at home. I restored a 1909 hand pulled Chemical Fire Apparatus for the local Fire Department. I started a '15-ish Speedster. (Still working on that.) Then one

day, I am sitting in the shop looking at my '15 Runabout and realized it has been awhile since it ran, and I needed to start and drive it. While the Runabout had my attention, I had a thought..... why not a pickup?

The next day, I looked at how the turtle back was attached to the rear deck of the Runabout. Just four bolts. In a few minutes the turtle back was off on the shop floor. I

rolled out the wood pickup bed, and in a few minutes, it was sitting on the Runabout rear deck. And I liked the look.



Using the same holes used for mounting the turtle back, a few minutes later, the pickup bed was mounted.

So back to the original plan I started, and I took the "new" pickup for a ride. I like it and will leave it that way, at least for now. With no modification of the Runabout deck, body, or chassis, I can always go back to the turtle back in the future.



My New (Old) Maroon Hack

from Jim Davis

My 1920/1925 Maroon Depot Hack was bought off a MTFCA Forum ad. It's from an estate in Tulsa, OK. I had been looking for a Depot Hack for a long time, and wanted to buy one in CA back in 2017, as my first Model T, but was scared off by shipping costs from CA, so I wound up buying a 1926 Model T Touring for my first T. I rode in one at Greenfield Village and was hooked. Two Model Ts later, I found my Depot Hack. It belonged to a deceased banker in Tulsa. He had it restored by Kip Jones, Model "T" Service, in Broken Arrow, OK. I talked to Kip numerous times before I sealed the deal, and although it had been eight years since he restored it, he remembered it and just about everything he did to it.



He said it was a Touring that had been converted to a Depot Hack with a custom made body built from plans. The engine

has a cam and a high compression head, rebuilt rear end and transmission with



Kevlar bands, starter converted to 12 volts, working mag and four coil original ignition system, brake light and six spoked wheels. Two are spares that mount in place on the right and left doors.



Kip said the car was like new after the rebuild and just needed to be driven and broken in. The owners sent me all the invoices from Kip showing all the repair work he did, and he told he about the car history before he worked on it.

I felt lucky to be able to speak with him and get most of the details about the car, which is quite rare.



I called Ross Lilleker and got him to transport it to his shop in College Station, TX, to get it running after a 6 year nap. He installed a new fuel tank and replaced one coil and adjusted several spokes. While he had the car, I had him install small drum A/C brakes. Since I plan to drive it around the Tomball Depot, I thought it needed better brakes. He also installed a dip stick. Ross is good, but he is very busy and I am still waiting on him to deliver the car after over two months.

One thing I learned the hard way was to not assume a Model T has a title. The owners failed to disclose that fact in their MTFCA Forum ad. So when I get the car, I will need to start the process of getting a bonded title. Just a hassle and expense I didn't need. I had clues but missed them.

No license plate on the car, which is a dead give away. Almost every Model T I have seen for sale has a license plate on it, even if it is 50 years old.



The wood is showing signs of weathering, but I think the beauty of the wood will come back out with wood conditioner or oil applied to it. Would appreciate any advice from anyone on bringing out the luster of the wood.



Roadside Oddity: Richmond's Trio of Jumping Cows

from John C. Matejka

With little to go by, we discover how this fanciful Gulf Coast attraction came into existence. Written by: John Nova Lomax
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Might make an interesting destination for a one day tour. Sounds like the window of opportunity might be short.

The World's Largest Collection of Ford Cars

from John C. Matejka

The Den Hartogh Ford Museum in the Netherlands might hold the Guinness world record for the largest private collection of Fords in the world. The museum, which Netherlands based collector Piet den Hartogh began assembling in 1956, and which he

opened to the public in 1997, encompasses 5,000 square meters in Hillegom, Netherlands. There is enough space for more than 200 Ford Motor Company vehicles, including those built by Ford and Lincoln, from 1903 to 1948. Stock Model Ts and Model As comprise many of the vehicles in the collection. Piet von Hartogh, in his world travels, also collected a number of coach built and European Fords, as well as, Ford trucks. There is even a fire engine that Heineken donated to the museum. The following museum video comes from Fredericksburg Vintage Car Club member, Jack D. Sargent via John C. Matejka.

[The world's largest collection of Ford cars](#) (If link broke go here: [Museum Video](#))

Dear Model T friends of the Space City T's Houston Club,

We hope your health is well. We're doing fine. Because of the corona hassle, few activities this past year regarding the continuation of our World Tour. Hopefully, in the course of 2021 we can make plenty of plans for the last part of the trip, via Asia back to Holland. But we do have a special Christmas and New Year's greeting this year. Drive safely over the holidays,

Trudy and Dirk,

World travelers in a 1915 Ford Model T

Click on the link below and enjoy:

<https://youtu.be/pusX8AzuJwU>

Space City T's Dues Are Due

Remember, the deadline for dues payment is March 15, 2021. At that time the roster will be compiled according to those paid. Dues are still **\$25.00** per year. Please **print** out this page, **fill out** the form below with your most recent information, and make your check payable to: **Space City T's**.

Please **mail** your dues to the Treasurer at:

Jerry Smith
13723 Llano Lake Court
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NOTE: Dues are not tax deductible. To do so will jeopardize our club's 501c non-profit status with the IRS

SPACE CITY T's MEMBER ENROLLMENT

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DATE _____ **CHECK #** _____ **AMOUNT \$** _____

Name: _____ **Spouse** _____

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Model T's Owned:

Space City T's of Houston Bylaws, Article VI, Section 4: Dues for members admitted to membership between July 1 and December 31 shall pay (1/2) of the annual dues: \$12.50 for the given 1/2 year, \$25.00 per year thereafter.

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2022 Officer Nominations

Please communicate your 2022 club officer nominations to Dave Lucas at (713) 299-3059 or daverlucas@yahoo.com.

New Members Wanted

Please visit our [Space City T's of Houston Texas web site](#) and view our club future and past Model T Ford events and activities.

If interested, please provide your name, address, mobile phone, & email, and make a \$25 check payable to:

Space City T's

Please mail your information and check to the Treasurer at:

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The Space City T's Club is the Houston, Texas chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America. All questions concerning membership, The Vintage Ford magazine, the MTFCA library, chapter insurance, purchase of manuals, back magazine issues, or store items can be directed to the following:

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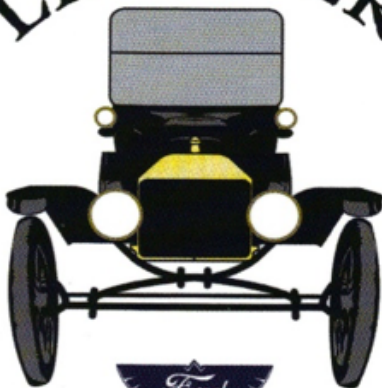
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Do you have something to share? A barn find, funny or not so funny Model T stories? Tour photos, or articles about Model T's? Your Model T acquisition stories, restoration photos or swap meet finds? A special interest article?

Please email ads, articles, photos, stories, etc. etc. to: topkick7@outlook.com

Next Meeting Cancelled

January 13, 2021



**Dine with Friends at
Demeris BBQ at 6:00 P.M.**

located at

**1702 West Loop North,
Suite A, Houston, TX 77008**

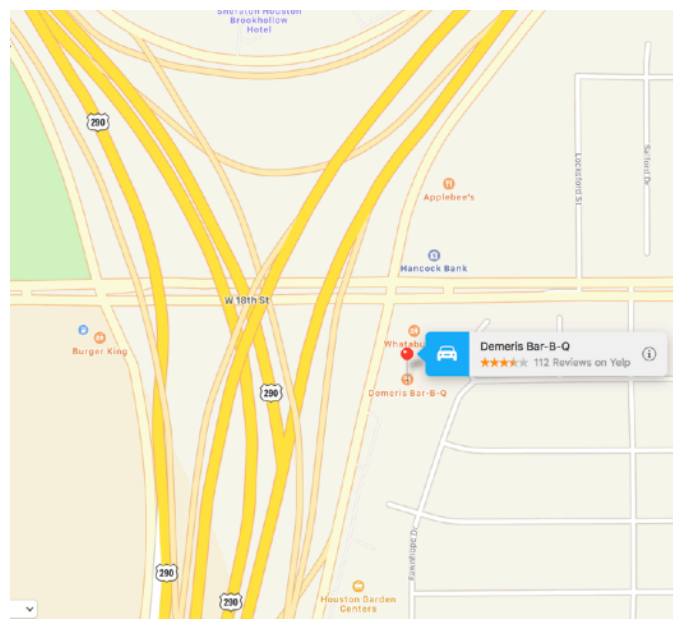
**Then attend the
Space City T's Meeting at 7:30 P.M.**

Place:

**Lazy Brook Baptist Church
—1822 West 18th Street in the
Heights**

Website: www.spacecityts.org

Email: modelt@spacecityts.org



Directions to Demeris BBQ

From the east or west on I-10 or the south side of downtown, take the I-610 West Loop North and get off at the 18th Street Exit. Demeris BBQ will be immediately on the right after Houston Garden Nursery.

From the west on Highway 290, exit at Mangum and turn right to 18th Street. At 18th, turn left, cross under West Loop and turn into the Whataburger parking lot on the right. Proceed to Demeris BBQ after the Whataburger.

From the north on I-45, take the 610 North Loop West around to the I-610 West Loop South to the Hempstead Highway exit. Make a U-turn under I-610 and proceed north on the frontage road to just before 18th Street, Demeris BBQ will be on your right after Houston Garden Center.



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